

Minutes
City Council Work Session
January 29, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council members Mike Sosebee, Mike Wilson and Linda Grant, City Clerk Kim Cornelison, Planning Director Steve Holder, City Attorney Dana Miles and Water & Sewer Superintendent Gary Barr.

Mayor Cox recognized Adam Stapleton, from the Dawson Community News. Mayor Cox also asked the Council to keep Bonnie Warne, Planning and Zoning Administrator in their prayers as her family deals with the loss of her father; and the family of former councilman David Cox as he has been removed from life support.

- 1) ANX06-058: RD Sharma Premium Investments has made a request to annex 54.84 acres of TMP091-010. The subject property is located at the intersection of Hwy. 9 North and Hwy. 136 (the northeast corner of the intersection). The property is currently zoned CG and AG and will be PUD upon annexation.
- 2) ZA-12-06-1438: RD Sharma Premium Investments has made a request to, upon annexation, be rezoned from CG and AG to PUD. This rezone is in conjunction with ANX06-058.

Steve Holder presented the annexation and rezone requests of RD Sharma Premium Investments stating that the Planning Commission has approved with stipulations that the property be developed in accordance with the joint comprehensive plan as a village activity center which requires it to be a mixed use complex – a blending of different types of housing and commercial. Public hearings on the annexation and rezone will be held at the February and March meetings.

- 3) Uncollected Debt - Water/Sewer/Garbage Accounts. The City Clerk asked the Council to authorize the write off of debt associated with closed accounts that staff has tried to collect on to no avail. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting.
- 4) Lawson Air conditioning and Plumbing, Inc. – maintenance contract renewal. The City Clerk stated that the terms of the contract would remain the same as the original contract and asked for approve to renew the contract for another term. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting.
- 5) Advanced Disposal – contract renewal. Advanced Disposal has requested to renew the city contract with a 30 cent per customer price increase due to increased fuel costs. The original bid allows for two renewals of the contract and the contract has a provision to increase costs provided costs to the carrier have been increased. The 30 cent increase would be passed on to the customer. Dana Miles will create the contract addendum which would be executed by the Mayor if approved by Council. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting.

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- 6) Retreat Summary – the City Clerk reminded Council members of assignments they were given in the November 2006 retreat and asked the council to mark their calendar for the next retreat to be held in May 25, 2007 at the Lakeview Center.
- 7) SPLOST V – the City Clerk presented the last five years of SPLOST, LOST, and ELOST collections information stating that the Council needed to assess current capital project needs within the City to include in the up-and-coming SPLOST V negotiations with the County. Initial Council recommendations included the purchase of the Dawsonville Municipal Complex from the Downtown Development Authority, road and sidewalk improvements.
- 8) Paving bids – Steve Holder presented the only quote received for paving and recommended approval. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting. (Quote attached to these minutes.)
- 9) Sidewalk bids – Steve Holder presented the three bids received recommending Bearden & Bryson Construction to be awarded the bid. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting. (Quote attached to these minutes.)
- 10) Public Comment – setting a time limit. Mayor Cox asked the council to approve setting a ten minute total time for public comment with the requirement that people be required to sign up the Thursday before the Monday meeting in order to speak. Council also recommended the topic of public comment be included in the request to speak. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting.
- 11) Advertisement opportunity – Billboard collaborative. City Clerk Kim Cornelison presented a collaborative billboard advertisement effort being organized by Dave Young of ourtown2day to advertise Dawsonville/Dawson County businesses on billboards located on the Hwy. 400 corridor. The proposal has also been given to the Downtown Development Authority. Council does not intend to pursue this opportunity at this time.
- 12) Advertisement opportunity – Dawson County Community Magazine & Buyers Guide. City Clerk asked the council if they wished to be represented in the magazine again this year – the council has participated in the magazine in the past. Pricing information has not yet been received for this. The Council will reassess this advertising opportunity once the pricing guide has been received.
- 13) Newsletter – The feedback on the first edition of the Dawsonville Profile has been successful. Council felt it was a good opportunity to keep Dawsonville residents informed on city business.
- 14) Great American Clean Up – Keep Dawsonville Beautiful. Mayor Cox asked if the Council wished to participate in this event. Discussion was held that this event could be

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a collaborative effort between civic clubs, and citizens that could be coordinated by the City to pick up trash in town.

- 15) Planning Commission Appointment – Pam Bragg. Steve Holder presented a flow chart of the Planning Commission and stated that Linda Grant has an appointment to make. Ms. Grant has made her selection – Pam Bragg. Steve Holder reminded council members to look at the flow chart to see whose appointments will be expiring soon, so you may wish to consider your appointments now. Reappointment of the same person is permissible. The council will need to ratify this appointment. After minimal discussion, this item will be placed on the consent agenda.
- 16) City Logo – Council discussed the logo stating that the background on the first logo needs to be incorporated into the third logos layout. After minimal discussion, this item will be placed on the consent agenda.
- 17) Work Session – date conflict. Originally the Council approved having work sessions on the third Monday of each month; this conflicts with the Planning Commission. Dana Miles suggested meeting the Thursday after the Planning Commission so that Planning Commission items could be presented to the Council at their work session for discussion. With the exception of Thanksgiving, this suggestion would have no conflicts. For the month of November, Council suggested meeting the week following Thanksgiving. The meetings will convene at 6:00 p.m. After positive discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated this item would be placed on the consent agenda for the February meeting.
- 18) Water Leak - Customer at 524 Howser Mill Road, has had a significant leak on the customer's side of the water meter. Gary Barr adjusted to bill to half of its original amount and offered a payment plan. He felt comfortable making this adjustment because the City was pumping its own water at that time. The customer wants a further reduction. Council stated that enough concessions were made and they were not willing to make any further reductions to the bill.

Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cornelison, City Administrator/Clerk